

Re. Point IV.

- IV.1 Reference is made to the following document:
- D1: DE 101 36 743
- IV.2 This authority has established that the application contains a number of inventions or groups of inventions which are not linked through a general inventive idea (Rule 13.1 PCT), namely:
- IV.2.1 I: 1,2,6,9
 Method for electronically strengthening a metallization foil located on a component, as well as the object created by this method and its application.
- IV.2.2 II: 1,3
 Method for opening up a window in a metallization foil which covers a component on the side of the component facing away from the circuit carrier.
- IV.23 III: 1,4,5
 Method for placing a contact element which projects beyond the component next to a component covered by a metallized foil.
- IV2.4 IV: 1, 7,8
 Method for arranging a passive component on a circuit carrier which carries a component covered by a metallized foil.
- IV.3 The reasons for this decision are as follows.
- IV. 3.1 D1 (Claims 1-3, Figure 8) discloses: A method, in which a circuit carrier (4) is connected to a component (1) via contacts which place the component (1) at a distance from the circuit carrier (4), a foil (8) is applied to the component (1) and the circuit carrier (4) and the foil is metallized. Thus the features of Claim 1

are not new and can thus no longer link as a single common inventive concept the different features of the dependent claims. By contrast with Rule 13.1 PCT, no unity thus exists. The application relates to a plurality of inventions or group of inventions in the sense of Rule 13.1 PCT.

Re. Point V

Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting this statement

V.1 Reference is made to the following document:

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V.2 Novelty Claim 1, 9

D1 (Claims 1-3, Figure 8) discloses: A method, in which a circuit carrier (4) is connected to a component (1) via contacts which place the component (1) at a distance from the circuit carrier (4), a foil (8) is applied to the component (1) and the circuit carrier (4) and the foil is metallized. Therefore Claim 1 does not appear to meet the requirements of Article 33(2) PCT.

The object created by this method and its application in the high-frequency field is also disclosed in D1 (Paragraphs 17-19). Therefore Claim 9 does not appear to meet the requirements of Article 33(2) PCT.

V.3 The dependent claims 2,3 and 6 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they relate, meet the requirements of the PCT as regards novelty. The reasons for this are as follows:

- V.3.1 D1 (Claims 1-3) discloses that the metallization of the foil (8) is electrically strengthened. Therefore Claim 2 does not appear to meet the requirements of Article 33(2) PCT.
- V.3.2 D1 (Figure 8, Paragraph 48) discloses that a window (15) is opened up in the foil (8) on the side of the component (1) facing away from the circuit carrier (4). Therefore Claim 3 does not appear to meet the requirements of Article 33(2) PCT.
- V.3.3 D1 (Paragraphs 17-19) that the component (1) is a high-frequency component. Therefore Claim 6 does not appear to meet the requirements of Article 33(2) PCT.